

House Resolution No. 810

Whereas, Denise St. Omer of Kansas City, Missouri, has been nominated to receive the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award, a tremendous accolade given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman who, through her commitment and determination, has made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

Whereas, Denise St. Omer currently serves as the Administrator for Diversionary Programs with the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office where she has managed and overseen more than 400 criminal cases assigned to the Jackson County Drug Court; developed policies concerning educational neglect including coordination of law enforcement, school district personnel, and community agencies; created a multi-disciplinary work group to develop countywide strategies for improving school attendance; written and developed federal, state, and local grant applications; assisted in the development and implementation of strategic planning goals and objectives undertaken by the Prosecutor; and developed cooperative consortia and partnerships with federal, state, and local agencies, institutions, and foundations to complement Anti-Drug Sales programs; and

Whereas, in 2001, Denise worked closely with the City of Kansas City on the Safe City Initiative, a community-wide planning effort geared towards developing a strategic plan to help make Kansas City one of the safest cities in America; and

Whereas, a 1992 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, Denise St. Omer is exceedingly proud of the important leadership positions she has held as Chair of the NEWHOUSE Shelter Second Annual House Party Fundraiser Program Committee, Grant Reviewer with the United States Department of Education, Safe and Drug Free Schools Grants, and member of the Alternative Schools Network Management Team, The Mediation Center Board of Directors, Friends of NEWHOUSE, and St. Monica's Catholic Church, where she serves on the Hospitality Committee:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Denise St. Omer upon her well-deserved nomination for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Denise St. Omer.

Offered by _____
Representative Cathy Jolly
District No. 45

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 810, adopted March 15, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

